Borough of Rocky Hill Council Minutes

June 21, 2004

A regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Nolan at 7:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and a moment of silent meditation in memory of our troops overseas. It was announced that this meeting has been advertised in the Somerset Messenger Gazette issue of December 6, 2003 in accordance with "The Open Public Meetings Act".

Roll Call:

Present

- Mr. Martin Engelbrecht
- Mr. George Morren
- Mr. Edward Zimmerman

Absent

- Mr. Richard Batchelder
- Ms. Connie Hallman
- Ms. Peggy Harris

Minutes

Since there were only two Councilmembers present that could vote on the June 7, 2004 minutes they will be approved at the July,19 2004 meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Mark Germain reported while walking along Montgomery Avenue he observed several cars traveling at a high rate of speed and asked if the State Police and South Bound Brook Police could patrol Montgomery Avenue when in town. Mayor Nolan said Mr. Morren will speak to South Bound Brook Police and SGT. Morenski from the State Police will notify his people.

State Police Report

SGT. Morenski reported Rocky Hill Borough had one criminal investigation and one bicycle accident last month. He said if any citizen or Councilmember has a special request for patrols to contact the Hamilton Station and they will comply if possible.

Bill List

Mr. Zimmerman presented the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS THE TREASURER HAS CERTIFIED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY SAID VOUCHERS: BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. Second By Mr. Morren. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #1 for the Bill List.

Special Business

Mayor Nolan opened the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE 11-04 AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE CL COMMUNITY LANDS ZONING DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE OF ROCKY HILL BOROUGH. There was no Public Comment.

Mr. Morren moved, second by Mr. Zimmerman to adopt ORDINANCE 11-04 in final form. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Mr. Morren moved, second by Mr. Zimmerman introduction of ORDINANCE 12-04 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SPEED HUMPS ON MONTGOMERY AND PRINCETON AVENUES IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$60,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$45,000.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. The Public Hearing and final adoption will be held on July 19, 2004 at 7:30PM at Town Hall. See appendix #2 for the Ordinance.

Communications

They were discussed and ordered filed.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Nolan said Mr. Batchelder, Ms. Harris, Mr. Whitlock, Ms. Bristol, Mr. Raffaelli, and Mr. Muller met to discuss the handling of Planning Board Escrow Accounts and Mr. Batchelder will have a report at the next meeting of Borough Council. The response letter from USEPA concerning the Rocky Hill Superfund Site was not very well received and Mr. Engelbrecht will meet will Mr. Tanner and draft a letter of reply from the Borough to include the Borough wants in writing that pumping will stop if our well level drops below an acceptable level.

Mr. Zimmerman said the light for the Borough Parking Lot will be installed in early July. He also said there was a Somerset County Park Committee Meeting held recently and it appears the park is on tract for ground breaking in September 2004.

New Business

Mr. Engelbrecht moved, second by Mr. Morren authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign the amendment to the Somerset County Community Development Agreement. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. Mayor Nolan said the Princeton Elks have postponed their Citizen Recognition Dinner until July 17, 2004.

Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, second by Mr. Morren to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of possible litigation concerning the 15 acres of land owned by David Schafer in the Borough at 8:08PM. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. Mr. Engelbrecht moved, second by Mr. Zimmerman to return to Public Session at 8:27PM. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Adjournment

Mr. Engelbrecht moved, second by Mr. Morren to adjourn the meeting at 8:28PM. On a voice vote all present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr. Borough Clerk